

## IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of driving an electronic device, with one frame period comprising  $n$  sub-frame periods  $SF_1, SF_2, \dots, SF_n$ , the  $n$  sub-frame periods each comprising address (writing) periods  $Ta_1, Ta_2, \dots, Ta_n$  and sustain (lights-on) periods  $Ts_1, Ts_2, \dots, Ts_n$ , comprising the steps of:

wherein the address (writing) period overlaps with the sustain (lights-on) period in at least one sub-frame period of the  $n$  sub-frame periods, and

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wherein, in the case where an address (writing) period  $Ta_m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq n$ ) of a sub-frame period  $SF_m$  overlaps with an address (writing) period  $Ta_{m+1}$  of a sub-frame period  $SF_{m+1}$ , a clear period  $Tc_m$  is provided which starts upon completion of a sustain (lights-on) period  $Ts_m$  of the sub-frame period  $SF_m$  and ends upon start of the address (writing) period  $Ta_{m+1}$ .

inputting a first signal to a pixel comprising a light emitting element from a source signal line during each address period, wherein a capacitor storage line is maintained at a first potential;

turning on the light emitting element during each sustain period, wherein the capacitor storage line is maintained at the first potential;

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providing a clear period  $Tc_m$  during a period from an end of the sustain period  $Ts_m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq n$ ) of a sub-frame period  $SF_m$  through until a start of the address period  $Ta_{m+1}$  of a sub-frame period  $SF_{m+1}$ , wherein the capacitor storage line is maintained at a second potential.

2. (Currently amended) A method of driving an electronic device, with one frame period

comprising  $n$  sub-frame periods  $SF_1, SF_2, \dots, SF_n$ , the  $n$  sub-frame periods each comprising address ~~(writing)~~ periods  $Ta_1, Ta_2, \dots, Ta_n$  and sustain ~~(lights-on)~~ periods  $Ts_1, Ts_2, \dots, Ts_n$ , comprising the steps of:

~~wherein the address (writing) period overlaps with the sustain (lights-on) period in at least one sub-frame period of the  $n$  sub-frame periods, and~~

~~wherein, in the case where an address (writing) period  $Ta_n$  of a  $j$ -th ( $0 < j$ ) frame sub-frame period  $SF_n$  overlaps with an address (writing) period  $Ta_1$  of a  $(j+1)$ -th frame sub-frame period  $SF_1$ , a clear period  $Tc_n$  is provided which starts upon completion of a sustain (lights-on) period  $Ts_n$  of the  $j$ -th frame sub-frame period  $SF_n$  and ends upon start of the address (writing) period  $Ta_1$  of the  $(j+1)$ -th frame sub-frame period  $SF_1$ .~~

inputting a first signal to a pixel comprising a light emitting element from a source signal line during an address period  $Ta_n$  of a  $j$ -th ( $0 < j$ ) frame sub-frame period  $SF_n$ , wherein a capacitor storage line is maintained at a first potential;

turning on the light emitting element during a sustain period  $Ts_n$  of a  $j$ -th ( $0 < j$ ) frame sub-frame period  $SF_n$ , wherein a capacitor storage line is maintained at a first potential;

providing a clear period  $Tc_n$  during a period from an end of the sustain period  $Ts_n$  through until a start of the address period  $Ta_1$  of a  $(j+1)$ -th period frame sub-frame period  $SF_1$ , wherein the capacitor storage line is maintained at a second potential.

3. (Currently amended) A method of driving an electronic device, with one frame period comprising  $n$  sub-frame periods  $SF_1, SF_2, \dots, SF_n$ , the  $n$  sub-frame periods each comprising address ~~(writing)~~ periods  $Ta_1, Ta_2, \dots, Ta_n$  and sustain ~~(lights-on)~~ periods  $Ts_1, Ts_2, \dots, Ts_n$ ,

wherein, in a certain sub-frame period  $SF_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ), when the length of its address (~~writing~~) period is given as  $ta_k$ , the length of its sustain (~~lights-up~~) period as  $ts_k$ , and the length of one gate signal line selecting period as  $t_g$  ( $ta_k, ts_k, t_g > 0$ ), and  $ta_k > ts_k$  is satisfied, the length of  $SF_k$ 's clear period given as  $Tc_k$  ( $Tc_k > 0$ ) always satisfies the following expression:

$$tc_k \geq ta_k - (ts_k + t_g).$$

4. (Original) A method of driving an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein a clear signal inputted during the clear period is provided by increasing or lowering the electric potential of a capacitor storage line by means of a signal inputted from a capacitor storage line driving circuit.

5. (Original) A method of driving an electronic device as claimed in claim 2, wherein a clear signal inputted during the clear period is provided by increasing or lowering the electric potential of a capacitor storage line by means of a signal inputted from a capacitor storage line driving circuit.

6. (Original) A method of driving an electronic device as claimed in claim 3, wherein a clear signal inputted during the clear period is provided by increasing or lowering the electric potential of a capacitor storage line by means of a signal inputted from a capacitor storage line driving circuit.

7. (Original) A method of driving an electronic device as claimed in claim 1, wherein an EL element does not emit light during the clear period irrespective of an image signal.

8. (Original) A method of driving an electronic device as claimed in claim 2, wherein an EL element does not emit light during the clear period irrespective of an image signal.

9. (Original) A method of driving an electronic device as claimed in claim 3, wherein an EL element does not emit light during the clear period irrespective of an image signal.

10. (Currently amended) An electronic device comprising a source signal line side driver circuit, a gate signal line side driver circuit, a capacitor storage line driving circuit, and a pixel portion, wherein:

the pixel portion has a plurality of source signal lines, a plurality of gate signal lines, a plurality of current supply lines, a plurality of capacitor storage lines, and a plurality of pixels;

each of the plurality of pixels has a switching transistor, an EL driving transistor, a capacitor storage, and an EL element;

the switching transistor has a gate electrode electrically connected to the gate signal line;

the switching transistor has a source region and a drain region one of which is electrically connected to the source signal line and the other of which is electrically connected to a gate electrode of the EL driving transistor;

the capacitor storage has an electrode electrically connected to the capacitor storage line and has another electrode electrically connected to the gate electrode of the EL driving transistor; and

the EL driving transistor has a source region and a drain region one of which is electrically connected to the current supply line and the other of which is electrically connected to one electrode of the EL element; and

a potential of the capacitor storage line changes in accordance with a signal inputted from

the capacitor storage line driver circuit.

11. (Original) An electronic device as claimed in claim 10, wherein the capacitor storage line is electrically connected to the capacitor storage line driving circuit so that a signal having amplitude is inputted to the capacitor storage line from the capacitor storage line driving circuit.

12. (Currently amended) An electronic device operated by a driving method in which:

one frame period comprises  $n$  sub-frame periods ( $SF_1, SF_2, \dots, SF_n$ );

the  $n$  sub-frame periods each comprises address (writing) periods ( $Ta_1, Ta_2, \dots, Ta_n$ ) and sustain (lights-on) periods ( $Ts_1, Ts_2, \dots, Ts_n$ );

~~the address (writing) period overlaps with the sustain (lights-on) period in at least one sub-frame period of the  $n$  sub-frame periods; and,~~

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~~in the case where an address (writing) period  $Ta_m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq n$ ) of a sub-frame period  $SF_m$  overlaps with an address (writing) period  $Ta_{m+1}$  of a sub-frame period  $SF_{m+1}$ , a clear period  $Tc_m$  is provided which starts upon completion of a sustain (lights-on) period  $Ts_m$  of the sub-frame period  $SF_m$  and ends upon start of the address (writing) period  $Ta_{m+1}$ .~~

inputting a first signal to a pixel comprising a light emitting element from a source signal line during each address period, wherein a capacitor storage line is maintained at a first potential;

turning on the light emitting element during each sustain period, wherein the capacitor storage line is maintained at the first potential;

providing a clear period ( $Tc_m$ ) during a period from an end of the sustain period  $Ts_m$  ( $1 \leq m \leq n$ ) of a sub-frame period  $SF_m$  through until a start of the address period  $Ta_{m+1}$  of a sub-frame period  $SF_{m+1}$ , wherein the capacitor storage line is maintained at a second potential.

13. (Currently amended) An electronic device operated by a driving method in which:  
one frame period comprises  $n$  sub-frame periods  $SF_1, SF_2, \dots, SF_n$ ;  
the  $n$  sub-frame periods each comprises address (~~writing~~) periods  $Ta_1, Ta_2, \dots, Ta_n$  and  
sustain (lights-on) periods  $Ts_1, Ts_2, \dots, Ts_n$ ;

~~the address (writing) period overlaps with the sustain (lights-on) period in at least one  
sub-frame period of the  $n$  sub-frame periods; and,~~

~~in the case where an address (writing) period  $Ta_n$  of a  $j$ -th ( $0 < j$ ) frame sub-frame period  
 $SF_n$  overlaps with an address (writing) period  $Ta_1$  of a  $(j+1)$ -th frame sub-frame period  $SF_1$ , a clear  
period  $Tc_n$  is provided which starts upon completion of a sustain (lights-on) period  $Ts_n$  of the  $j$ -th  
frame sub-frame period  $SF_n$  and ends upon start of the address (writing) period  $Ta_1$  of the  $(j+1)$ -th  
frame sub-frame period  $SF_1$ ;~~

inputting a first signal to a pixel comprising a light emitting element from a source signal  
line during an address period  $Ta_n$  of a  $j$ -th ( $0 < j$ ) frame sub-frame period  $SF_n$ , wherein a capacitor  
storage line is maintained at a first potential;

turning on the light emitting element during a sustain period  $Ts_n$  of a  $j$ -th ( $0 < j$ ) frame sub-  
frame period  $SF_n$ , wherein a capacitor storage line is maintained at a first potential;

providing a clear period  $Tc_n$  during a period from an end of the sustain period  $Ts_n$  through  
until a start of the address period  $Ta_1$  of a  $(j+1)$ -th period frame sub-frame period  $SF_1$ , wherein the  
capacitor storage line is maintained at a second potential.

14. (Currently amended) An electronic device wherein:

one frame period comprises  $n$  sub-frame periods  $SF_1, SF_2, \dots, SF_n$ ;

the n sub-frame periods each comprises address (~~writing~~) periods  $Ta_1, Ta_2, \dots, Ta_n$  and sustain (~~lights-on~~) periods  $Ts_1, Ts_2, \dots, Ts_n$ ; and,

in a certain sub-frame period  $SF_k$  ( $1 \leq k \leq n$ ), when the length of its address (~~writing~~) period is given as  $ta_k$ , the length of its sustain (~~lights-up~~) period as  $ts_k$ , and the length of one gate signal line selecting period as  $t_g$  ( $ta_k, ts_k, t_g > 0$ ), and  $ta_k > ts_k$  is satisfied, the length of  $SF_k$ 's clear period given as  $Tc_k$  ( $Tc_k > 0$ ) always satisfies the following expression:

$$tc_k \geq ta_k - (ts_k + t_g).$$

15. (Original) An electronic device as claimed in claim 12, wherein a clear signal inputted during the clear period is provided by increasing or lowering the electric potential of a capacitor storage line by means of a signal inputted from a capacitor storage line driving circuit.

16. (Original) An electronic device as claimed in claim 13, wherein a clear signal inputted during the clear period is provided by increasing or lowering the electric potential of a capacitor storage line by means of a signal inputted from a capacitor storage line driving circuit.

17. (Original) An electronic device as claimed in claim 14, wherein a clear signal inputted during the clear period is provided by increasing or lowering the electric potential of a capacitor storage line by means of a signal inputted from a capacitor storage line driving circuit.

18. (Original) An electronic device as claimed in claim 12, wherein an EL element does not emit light during the clear period irrespective of an image signal.

19. (Original) An electronic device as claimed in claim 13, wherein an EL element does not emit light during the clear period irrespective of an image signal.

20. (Original) An electronic device as claimed in claim 14, wherein an EL element does not emit light during the clear period irrespective of an image signal.

21. (Original) A method of driving a electronic device according to claim 1, wherein said electronic device is a device selected from the group consisting of: an EL display, a video camera, a head-mount display, a DVD player, a personal computer, a cellular phone and an audio system for automobiles.

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22. (Original) A method of driving a electronic device according to claim 2, wherein said electronic device is a device selected from the group consisting of: an EL display, a video camera, a head-mount display, a DVD player, a personal computer, a cellular phone and an audio system for automobiles.

23. (Original) A method of driving a electronic device according to claim 3, wherein said electronic device is a device selected from the group consisting of: an EL display, a video camera, a head-mount display, a DVD player, a personal computer, a cellular phone and an audio system for automobiles.

24. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 10, wherein said electronic device is a device selected from the group consisting of: an EL display, a video camera, a head-mount



display, a DVD player, a personal computer, a cellular phone and an audio system for automobiles.

25. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 12, wherein said electronic device is a device selected from the group consisting of: an EL display, a video camera, a head-mount display, a DVD player, a personal computer, a cellular phone and an audio system for automobiles.

26. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 13, wherein said electronic device is a device selected from the group consisting of: an EL display, a video camera, a head-mount display, a DVD player, a personal computer, a cellular phone and an audio system for automobiles.

27. (Original) An electronic device according to claim 14, wherein said electronic device is a device selected from the group consisting of: an EL display, a video camera, a head-mount display, a DVD player, a personal computer, a cellular phone and an audio system for automobiles.

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